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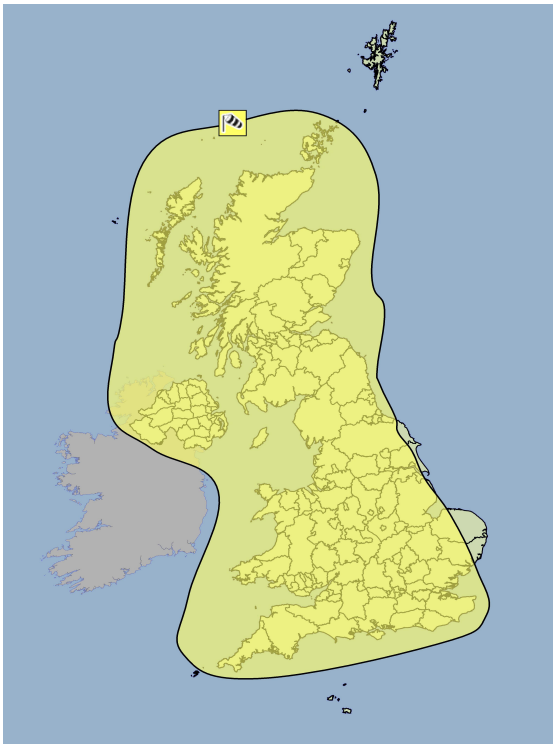

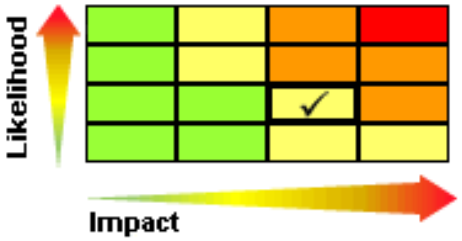

Chief Forecasters Assessment
An area of low pressure will deepen rapidly as it passes just to the west and northwest of the UK later on Monday, ending up as an exceptionally deep feature. This will bring stormy conditions to parts of the UK on Monday and Tuesday with the strongest winds likely along coastlines exposed to the south and west, but later perhaps more generally across parts of the north.

There remains some uncertainty around the precise depth and track of this system, and hence the areas most likely to be affected by the strongest winds and heavy rain.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Wind**

Valid from **09:00 on Mon, 23rd Dec 2013** until **23:59 on Tue, 24th Dec 2013**

A rapidly deepening area of low pressure will bring very strong winds, reaching southwestern areas during the first half of Monday, lasting well into Christmas Eve across many parts, easing from the south later. Further heavy rainfall will accompany the initial increase in winds.

There is the likelihood of widespread gales, with gusts to around 70 mph for much of Scotland, Northern Ireland, west Wales, northwest England, as well as southern coasts of England. Gusts of 80-90 mph are possible, the greatest likelihood of these values being towards the northwest. Although many central and eastern areas of England should see lesser wind gusts, the combination of these winds with heavy rain and heavy holiday traffic may well increase impacts.

The public should be aware of the potential for significant disruption to travel due to the very strong winds, and also the risk of some flooding due to the heavy rain. Please keep in touch with the forecasts and warnings, which are expected to be updated again on Sunday.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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